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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINR
SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF BONN SUMMIT ANTI-HIJACKING DECLARATION

REF: A. STATE 212172 B. STATE 208754

1. I ACCOMPANIED FRG AMBASSADOR HERGT IN CALL TODAY ON
MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY
HENRIK BJORNSSON ALONG WITH FRENCH AMBASSADOR DESBANS
AND UK CHARGE' KENDALL. FRG AMBASSADOR INFORMED BJORNSSON
OF BACKGROUND OF BONN SUMMIT ANTI-HIJACKING DECLARATION AND
PRESENTED NOTE VERBALE ON BEHALF OF FRG EMBASSY CONTAINING
TEXT OF DECLARATION (REF B) AND REQUESTING ADHERENCE TO
DECLARATION BY GOI.

2. BJORNSSON, IN REPLY, NOTED THAT CURRENT DOMESTIC
POLITICAL SITUATION IN ICELAND PRECLUDES HOLD-OVER
GOVERNMENT FROM ACTING ON FRG REQUEST WITH WHICH HE UNDER-
STOOD US, FRENCH AND UK GOVERNMENTS ASSOCIATED THEMSELVES.
HE EXPRESSED OPINION, HOWEVER, THAT THERE WOULD BE NO
RPT NO PROBLEM IN GOI SUPPORTING DECLARATION AS SOON
AS NEW GOVERNMENT WAS INSTALLED AND THAT HE WOULD BRING
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SUBJECT PROMPTLY TO ITS ATTENTION, IN RESPONSE TO QUERY
BY DEPUTY PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY HELGASON, WHO ALSO
PARTICIPATED IN MEETING, AS TO WHETHER GOI PUBLIC
STATEMENT OF SUPPORT OF DECLARATION WOULD BE DESIRED,
FRG AMBASSADOR RESPONDED AFFIRMATIVELY.

3. I EXPRESSED HOPE ON BEHALF OF USG THAT EARLY ATTEN-

TION WOULD BE GIVEN BY GOI TO SUPPORT OF DECLARATION IN
VIEW CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF HIJACKING PROBLEM AND
AGREEMENT THAT HAD NOW BEEN REACHED BY THE SEVEN TO
DEAL WITH PROBLEM. IN THIS CONNECTION I RECALLED THAT
ICELAND WAS NOT IMMUNE TO HIJACKING PROBLEM INASMUCH AS
IT HAD ITS OWN INTERNATIONAL AIRLINE AND ICELAND
SUDDENLY FOUND ITSELF IN SEPTEMBER 1976 RELUCTANT HOST
TO AMERICAN AIRCRAFT HIJACKED BY CROATION TERRORISTS.

4. MEETING ENDED WITH RENEWED ASSURANCES BY BJORNSSON
THAT MATTER WOULD BE BROUGHT URGENTLY TO ATTENTION OF
NEW GOVERNMENT AND WITH EXPRESSION OF CONFIDENCE IT
WOULD SUPPORT BONN SUMMIT DECLARATION.

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